



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DAMARYS FERNANDEZ, :  
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Plaintiff, :  
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-against- :  
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COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, :  
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Defendant. :  
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**ORDER**  
23-CV-09191 (VSB) (KHP)

**KATHARINE H. PARKER, United States Magistrate Judge.**

This case has been referred to me for a report and recommendation. The parties shall meet and confer to discuss whether they jointly consent to decision of this action by a United States Magistrate Judge (that is, the undersigned), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). If the parties jointly consent, they shall complete the consent form available on the Court's website at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge> and return the form to the Clerk of the Court.

If either or both parties do not consent, counsel for Plaintiff shall file a letter on ECF no later than **Monday, December 4, 2023** representing that the parties met and conferred but that they do not jointly consent. The letter should not indicate any particular party's consent or non-consent.

This Order is not meant to interfere in any way with the parties' absolute right to decision by a United States District Judge, but is merely an attempt at preserving scarce judicial resources and reminding the parties of their option pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). There will

be no adverse consequences if the parties withhold their consent, but granting consent may result in a faster and more efficient resolution of this case.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: October 25, 2023  
New York, NY



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KATHARINE H. PARKER  
United States Magistrate Judge